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In re the Application of ) Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed  
Eriko Takano et al. ) Art Unit: 1656  
Serial No. 10/017,471 ) Our File No.: 0380-P02329US1  
Filed: October 23, 2001 )  
For: "Antibiotic Production" )

FIRST AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below: